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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.121  
AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on May 16, 2006, Applicant hereby petition for a three-month extension-of-time, extending the period for response to

November 16, 2006. Applicant enclose herewith a check in the amount of \$1,020.00 as payment of the extension-of-time fee. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.